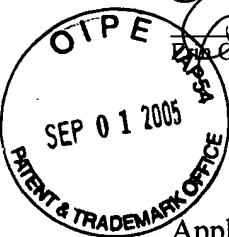


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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL

To Whom It May Concern:

In response to the final Office Action of July 1, 2005, the shorted statutory period for response to which ends after October 1, 2005, Applicants request reconsideration and reexamination of the above-identified application under 37 CFR § 1.116 in view of the following:

A **list of the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper. (No claims are amended, canceled, or added.)

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An **annotated version of Figure 2** of US Patent No. 4,758,785 to Rath is attached as page 8 of this paper.